



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: RUPPMAN  
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Filing Date: November 19, 2001  
Confirmation No. 8645  
Group Art Unit: 1732  
Examiner: Suzanne E. McDowell  
Title: *Method of Making an Improved Preform*

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**Response Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks as set forth below.